

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Applicant notes that claims 11 and 13 have been canceled, claim 1 has been amended, and new claim 21 has been added. Thus, claims 1-10, 12, and 14-21 are pending in the application.

Section 112 Rejections:

In the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Specifically, the Examiner object to the use of the term "adapted" as used in claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 1 to more particularly claim the subject matter of the invention in accordance with Section 112, second paragraph. Application, accordingly, respectfully requests that the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection with respect to claim 1 be withdrawn.

Section 102 Rejections:

In the Office Action, claim 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Astarabadi (US 5,822,405).

With regard to independent claim 1, Applicant notes that this claim recites that the distribution resources comprise staging facilities, where the staging facilities supporting indirect distribution of the acquired information by distributing a pointer to the acquired information stored at the information apparatus. In contrast, Astarabadi generally describes an automated voice mail retrieval system that allow a user to access and retrieve voice mail messages by configuring the user's computer system to respond to verbal announces received from a remote message facility. Applicant, accordingly, respectfully submits that the message retrieval system described in Astarabadi only supports direct distribution of voice mail messages, and does not support indirect distribution of acquired information as recited in claim 1. In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that Astarabadi fails to teach or suggest staging facilities supporting indirect distribution of the acquired information by distributing a pointer to the acquired information stored at the information apparatus as recited in claim 1. Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 102(e) rejections with respect to claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon be with drawn.

New Claims:


Applicant has also added new claim 21 which Applicant believes further defines the claimed invention over the cited art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10, 12, and 14-21 are in condition for allowance. Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued with respect to claims 1-10, 12, and 14-21.

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